BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-1-G - ORDER NO. 90-539

MAY 23, 1990

IN RE: Annual Review of Purchasing)
Practices and Purchased Gas) ORDER GRANTING
Adjustment of South Carolina) REHEARING
Pipeline Corporation.)

On April 30, 1990, the Consumer Advocate of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) filed a Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration of Commission Order No. 90-433 in the above referenced docket.

The Consumer Advocate requested a reconsideration and opportunity to be heard on certain errors set forth in its Petition and summarized as follows:

- 1. That Pipeline presented no evidence as to the proportion of time ISP-R customers desire service but cannot be served due to firm demand or of any pattern of interruption of those customers.
- 2. That unlike previous PGA dockets in which it was asserted that firm customers receive an additional benefit from a net back credit from the ISP-R program to the WACOG in this docket, Pipeline has cited no benefit from any net back.
- 3. That Pipeline presented no evidence quantifying the ISP-R program's revenue contribution or its contribution to fixed and variable costs. Also, that no evidence was presented as to loss of

industrial customers or revenues if the Commission discontinued approval of the Company's current allocation of spot market gas under the ISP-R program.

- 4. That the Commission erred in finding Pipeline's purchases prudent if 70% of Pipeline's gas comes from the spot market, therefore from unreliable sources.
- 5. That the Commission erred in shifting the burden of proof to the Intervenors to prove imprudence.

The Commission finds that a reconsideration and opportunity to be heard on the errors set forth in the Consumer Advocate's Petition should be granted. Therefore, a rehearing will be held on August 8, 1990, at 10:30 A.M. to address the issues set forth above in the Petition for Rehearing. The parties will be notified as to the dates for the prefiling of additional testimony and exhibits.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

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